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Criminal Justice Comprehensive Master Plan for Sedgwick County

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What is the need for a Master Plan?

Sedgwick County continues to see an increasing jail population, and utilizes other facilities across the state to house inmates. If the rate of increase continues, we will need 1660 jail beds in Sedgwick County by 2010 and 2400 beds by 2020.

So, we must determine a systematic approach to dealing with an increasing jail population. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) was established by Sedgwick County to create a strategic plan.

What is the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

The CJCC is a body formed as a key recommendation from a Jail Population and Criminal Justice Study completed in Dec 2003. The principal mission of the Council is to study the Sedgwick County criminal justice system, identify deficiencies and formulate cohesive public policies, plans and programs for change based on research, evaluation and monitoring of the policy decisions and program implementations. The Council is committed to innovative corrections programs for adult offenders.

What is the Master Plan?

The CJCC has determined that in order to manage the increasing jail population, the following should occur:

- Expand the Adult Detention Facility
- Implement alternative programs to more effectively deal with offenders

It is not an either/or situation—both need to occur!

Expanding the Jail:

The recommendation is to provide an additional 384 beds. The one-time construction cost for the expansion would be approximately \$48 million. In addition, the on-going operations costs would increase the detention budget by \$7.3 million annually. The expansion would occur to the north of the current jail.

Alternative Programs:

The CJCC has prioritized strategies and developed alternatives to confinement as a necessary component of our system. The following programs are recommended, at a cost of \$4.38 million for 2006 and \$7.04 million for 2007:

- Creation of Day Reporting program
- Creation of Mental Health Diversion program and Mental Health Court
- Creation of Drug/DUI court in District Court and expansion of Municipal Drug Court to include DUI offenders
- Expansion of Pretrial Services
- Creation of a Work Center
- Request technical assistance to conduct court case flow analysis
- Continued working toward technology improvements for data exchange
- Creating a release process for the Sheriff

Long-Term Approach

Building jails was considered a long-term solution in the past. At the current rates, building jails will be short-term solutions. It is imperative that the solution include both adequate detention space as well as the alternatives to confinement. This combined approach will help to reduce recidivism and help to control the increasing jail population by providing the Courts options for offenders.



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